



## **Tree Maintenance Checklist**

*This information is provide by Authority of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources*

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>April/May</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◇ Plant trees.</li><li>◇ Mulch.</li><li>◇ Stake if needed.</li><li>◇ Prune only if necessary to remove dead/damaged branches.</li><li>◇ Check for insect and disease problems.</li><li>◇ Remove tags and twine from branches and trunk.</li><li>◇ Water every week that there is less than an inch of rain.</li></ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>June</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◇ Inspect trees for insects and disease.</li><li>◇ Inspect trees for signs of mechanical and animal damage. Use shelters if needed.</li><li>◇ Control weeds.</li><li>◇ Water every week that there is less than an inch of rain.</li></ul>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>November through March</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◇ Winter pruning for crossing or dead branches.</li></ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>April</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◇ Remove sun protectors.</li><li>◇ Remove tree staking from last years transplanted trees.</li><li>◇ Mulch.</li></ul>